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FIRE HOUSES

THE TOPIC OF DISCUSSION AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

The Fire Committee Recommends the Purchase of R. N. Dodd's Glenwood Avenue Building—Mr. Walker Opposes Further Bonding of the Town—Mr. Moore Wants the Council to Stand on Safe Ground—The Fire Committee's Proposition Referred Back for Further Consideration.

The Town Council held an adjourned meeting Wednesday night for the purpose of considering the report of the Fire Committee on the proposed new fire houses. Councilman Farrand, Chairman of the Fire Committee, in presenting his report, stated that he assumed that the action of the Council with respect to the purchase of the Excelsior Hose Company's property and the erection of new houses for Active Hose Company and Montgomery Hose Company was still in force, and the only matter needing further attention was that of headquarters for Essex Truck Company and Phoenix Hose Company. Mr. Farrand made the customary eulogy of the firemen and their services, and said it was incumbent upon the Council to provide them with comfortable headquarters.

The best proposition that the Fire Committee had received in the way of enabling it to carry out its plans, Mr. Farrand said, was from R. N. Dodd, who offered to sell the building and property on Glenwood avenue known as Dodd's very stable to the town.

Mr. Farrand submitted plans showing the various purposes for which the building could be utilized. There were accommodations for two fire companies, the fire alarm system, the police, fire and sewer departments, Town Council, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Town Engineer and Board of Health offices. Also storage room in the basement for the street department tools and machinery.

A well known builder, Mr. Farrand said, had at the request of the Fire Committee made an examination of the Dodd building and pronounced it in good condition and not over \$100 would be required to be expended on the outside walls. The purchase price of the property and the money required to make the alterations in the building for town offices was \$20,000. Mr. Farrand spoke in favor of the purchase of the Dodd building, and considered it a step in the direction of economy, and he made a motion that the property be purchased. The motion was followed by a long silence, during which the Councilmen looked from one to the other to see who was going to second the motion.

Councilman Chabot finally assumed the responsibility.

Before the discussion began the members of the Council spent some time in an inspection of the drawings submitted by Mr. Farrand. After each Councilman had made himself familiar with the plans, the discussion of Mr. Farrand's motion was opened by Mr. Walker, who asked what the cost of the property with all the repairs and alterations would be.

Mr. Farrand replied \$20,000.

"What figures have you got to support your position?" inquired Mr. Walker.

Mr. Farrand said that the Fire Committee had approximate estimates from masons, carpenters, plumbers and painters as to the cost of the repairs and alterations.

Mr. Walker said that in his personal experience and in his observations of the construction of public works, he found that there was invariably a wide difference between approximate and actual estimates. The latter were generally much higher than the former, and he was afraid that would be the case in the proposition now before the Council.

Mr. Farrand said that bids had been procured for the several parts of the work, but were not competitive bids, but if Mr. Walker desired it the Fire Committee would procure other bids.

Mr. Moore said that he agreed with Mr. Walker with respect to the bids now in the hands of the Fire Committee. "We have not," Mr. Moore said, "such figures before us as any one of us would require in our private business." Mr. Moore suggested that an architect get official and definite bids, and he spoke at considerable length on the necessity of definite figures. "We would," he said, "be subject to righteous condemnation if we purchased this property without such figures."

The question of horses for the fire wagons Mr. Moore regarded as a serious one, and should receive consideration in the matter of locating a fire house. Without proper arrangements, Mr. Moore said, the purchase of the Dodd building would be a step of questionable economy, and the procuring of horses must be considered as a matter of expense. If the town should own the horses and could put them to no other use than fire purposes, it would not be an economical move. He would like to

see the Council go a little slow in this matter. With the temporary arrangements now made for the Essex and Phoenix Companies there was no urgent necessity for haste. It was a question as to whether or not the work could be done this winter, even if the Council decided to buy the Dodd building, and he wanted the Fire Committee to procure working drawings, proper specifications and binding estimates before he could vote on the proposition of purchase.

In reply to Mr. Moore, Mr. Farrand said that he believed the same arrangement could be made for horses for the Phoenix Hose Company and the truck company as was now in vogue at the Excelsior Hose house. With respect to specifications and bids, he was agreeable to laying the matter over until more bids were received.

Mr. Walker again attacked the proposition on the ground of expense. He did not believe the town offices could be maintained at as low a cost as at present. He said that it was all right to provide for the firemen, but this proposition made provision for a whole lot of other people who were now well cared for. He opposed any further issue of bonds until the present bonded indebtedness was materially reduced.

Mr. Farrand withdrew his motion for the purchase of the Dodd building to make way for Councilman Harrison's motion that the matter be referred back to the Fire Committee for further consideration.

A Venerable Citizen.

John Almond Cadmus celebrated the ninety-second anniversary of his birthday on Saturday last. He resides with his nephew, W. Wallace Cadmus, on Franklin street. Mr. Cadmus was born here in 1811 in the old Cadmus home, now in Washington street.

His father, Thomas Cadmus, Jr., was a son of Colonel Thomas Cadmus, who served with great credit in the War of the Revolution, and who also was born in the old Washington street home. He was the sixth of thirteen children and his mother lived to the age of ninety-four. Nine of the children lived to be seventy or more.

His early life was spent on the old farm. He later conducted a shoemaking shop in Brooklyn, and after many years went to live with his daughter at New City, N. Y. He then returned to this town, and expects to die in the town in which he was born.

His memory is still very good and he loves to recall the time he journeyed to Newark to get a glimpse of General Lafayette when the latter passed through that city. He also heard Henry Clay speak on the Lower Common in Newark. Mr. Cadmus shook hands with Daniel Webster and was at the funeral of John Quincy Adams.

He remembers the death of all the Presidents of the United States except Washington, and tells of a peso, a Spanish coin, which General Washington gave his father when the American army was wintering at Morristown. General Washington took a great liking to his father and often conversed with him during those eventful days. Mr. Cadmus has always been strictly temperate in his habits and has never touched alcoholic liquor in any form. He is the oldest living member of the old First Presbyterian Church of this town, and was baptized by the Rev. Cyrus K. Glidarendra, the second minister who occupied the pulpit of that church. He has one son, two daughters, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren living.

Flight at a Wedding Feast.

Vincent Struak, a Poleander, only a few weeks in this country, was a prisoner in the local jail on Tuesday, charged with an assault upon Kate Bukowski. The young man struck the girl on the head with a stone, inflicting a severe and painful wound. The affair was one of a series of fights that took place at the wedding feast last Sunday in celebration of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kostigon of Broad street. A dispute arose among the guests as to who ought to pay for some of the guests that the bridal party and some of the guests used in connection with the wedding. Some of those present contended that Kostigon ought to pay the bill. Kostigon's first wife died a little over a month ago, and his friends claimed that the total cost of a funeral and a wedding coming so close together was too much to expect one man to pay. The best man insisted that the bridegroom should pay for his coach at any rate. The best man was set upon by some of the guests for his obstinacy and severely beaten. Some of his friends went to his rescue and a general fight ensued. Struak was among those put out of the house. When Miss Bukowski came out and was walking home accompanied by a friend, Struak fired a stone that caused her injury.

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ANNIVERSARY SERMON

Preached in the Park M. E. Church November 15, 1903, on the Occasion of the Observance of the Semi-Centennial of that Church, by Rev. Dr. C. M. Woodruff, the Pastor.

Text—I Samuel, 7, 12. "Then Samuel took a stone and set it between Mizpeh and Shen and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto the Lord hath helped us."

The children of Israel suffered much because of the Philistines. God's people had not fully subdued them, as they had been directed to do, and so very frequently these enemies made great trouble for the Israelites. On this occasion it seems that when the Israelites had come together to make some resistance to an oppression that had become intolerable, their old enemies gathered in such great force that Israel was completely dismayed. Their hearts sank within them. It was then that the good old Samuel came with the direction that they should not cease to call upon God for deliverance. The prophet then took a little lamb and offered it as a sacrifice and a renewal of their devotion to God's service. While this was being done, as the Philistines drew near, the Lord thundered with a great thunder and discomfited them, and Israel gained a complete victory. So thoroughly were the Philistines demoralized that it is said they came into that land "no more."

It was then in the appreciation of the deliverance that this Ebenezer was raised. Literally it means the Stone of Help. It was to be a memorial of God's signal deliverance. It was to inspire courage in the hearts of the Israelites for all time to come.

These people were very familiar with the raising of these stone memorials, and they gave great heed to them. Jacob had raised a stone at Bethel, and these people had made a mound of stones to commemorate the crossing of the Jordan, and this familiar custom had its impressive lesson for these people.

We as a church raise our "Ebenezer" to-day. We make an epoch in our history. We are celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the erection of a Methodist Episcopal Church on this spot. This was not the beginning of Methodism in Bloomfield. The early itinerant had travelled all over this section, preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom and bringing men to repentance. In those days this was a part of a great circuit, taking in all the northern part of the State of New Jersey, and reaching as far up the Hudson river as Stony point. As a result of the work of these early days many churches have been established, which have grown strong and are now doing good work.

Two churches had been built in Bloomfield, and their pulpits had echoed with the voices of the strong and quaint ministers of those times. There was a church in upper Broad street near Bay lane. Some of the stones of that old structure are now in the foundation of Park Church. There was also a Methodist church, a frame building, in Franklin street, not far from the Erie Railroad crossing. Several people yet remember this old building. It is said that Lorenzo Dow preached in it. He was one of the eccentric men of those days, but he always had a large hearing, and he always had a large hearing, and he always was better aware of that fact than the party who prepared the resolution for presentation to that meeting.

The proper course for the Council to take, if the members do not desire to have unofficial people associated with them in the transaction of a matter of such importance as the water question, is to treat the public meeting resolutions as sincere expressions of the public will, and as such to be carried out to the full extent. If the Committee of Fifteen can be rehabilitated and its work resumed with a spirit of union between official and unofficial members, then it might be prudent to hold action on the resolutions in abeyance for a while.

Mysterious Find.

George Manly of Belleville avenue reported a mysterious find in a sandpit on his premises Monday. A police officer was sent to the place and returned with a large bundle of miscellaneous articles, consisting chiefly of women's clothing. Among the articles were several spoons and forks from one of the North German Lloyd steamers, and it was evident that the wearer of the clothing had been a steerage passenger on one of that company's steamers, and had helped herself freely to the tableware. On the same day that Mr. Manly found the bundle in his sandpit, another gruesome find was made not far distant.

It is so often said now-a-days, "There is no difference in the churches; they all preach the same doctrine and pursue the same methods." How much of that is due to the influence of Methodism it may not be modest for me to say, but this church has had much to do with bringing about this result.

But I did not propose to dwell so much on these general results as to present some practical lessons. One is, that as from the success of the present, the wonderful help and leading of God's providence in the past, and the encouragement

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Musical Instructions.

Mrs. Bennett-Franzia. For terms and further particulars call at or address 55 Race Street, Bloomfield, N. J.—Add.

NO ACTION

Taken Monday Night by the Town Council on the Water Supply Question—The Clerk's Report of the Result of the Election Filed.

With the exception of the announcement of Town Clerk Johnson of the result of the special election held on Tuesday, November 10, nothing was said at the Town Council meeting Monday night about the water question. This was contrary to the expectations of a number of citizens who attended the meeting for the special purpose of hearing the Council announce the next step in regard to the water supply problem.

The absence from the meeting of Councilman Harrison, Chairman of the Water Committee, probably accounted for the silence Monday night. Other members of the Council will naturally look to Dr. Harrison to take the initiative in any future action in regard to water on the part of the Council. It has been rumored during the past week that the difference of opinion between the Council and the other eight members of the Committee of Fifteen having been effectually settled at the polls, that body is likely to get together again and take up the consideration of the work it was appointed to do, and that it will be pursued along harmonious lines. The majority of citizens no doubt would like to see such a course pursued. The break between the two constituent bodies of the Committee of Fifteen was unfortunate and somewhat expensive. The special election cleared the ground for beginning work anew, and there need be no further difference of opinion on one important point, namely, the attitude of the people toward paying the price asked by the Orange Water Company for the plant in this town.

The public meeting held on October 29 advised by resolution that the Council tender the Orange Water Company \$90,000 for its plant. This offer, in the opinion of some members of the Council, may be utterly foolish, but nevertheless the sentiment of the people appears to direct that it shall be made, and the Council will suffer no loss of dignity in making the offer, even if it is done in a perfunctory way and in the face of the most convincing evidence that the offer will be rejected, even ignored. It is not understood that the offer of \$90,000 offered and advised at the public meeting is an arbitrary one. It is probably put forth for the purpose of getting on the flexible ground of compromise, with a view to reaching a mutual agreement between the water company and the people as to a purchase price. If the water company refuses to carry on any further negotiations, the resolutions adopted at the public meeting anticipating such a contingency, the resolution further advised that steps be taken for the construction of a new system of water pipes in the town. Some people have inclined to the opinion that this latter part of the resolution was lacking in sincerity of purpose and was put forth with a view to taunting a scarecrow before the Orange Water Company. Such a view of the case is absurdly foolish.

The Orange Water Company's proof against scarecrows of any kind, and one was better aware of that fact than the party who prepared the resolution for presentation to that meeting. The proper course for the Council to take, if the members do not desire to have unofficial people associated with them in the transaction of a matter of such importance as the water question, is to treat the public meeting resolutions as sincere expressions of the public will, and as such to be carried out to the full extent. If the Committee of Fifteen can be rehabilitated and its work resumed with a spirit of union between official and unofficial members, then it might be prudent to hold action on the resolutions in abeyance for a while.

Wrestling Bout.

A pounding noise as if elephants were tramping about in a vacant lot near Water Street Centre awakened some of the people in that vicinity about midnight Saturday night. An investigation was made and it was learned that the cause of the pounding was due to a wrestling bout between two colored men for the amusement of a small group of spectators. The affair was a brief and good-natured one.

More Lights.

The Town Council on Wednesday night, on recommendation of Mr. Farrand of the Street Lighting Committee, ordered five incandescent lights placed in Day street and one in Walnut street. Mr. Farrand served notice on the Councilmen that no further extension of the street lighting system could be made this year, as the appropriation would not permit it.

Thanksgiving Services.

A union Thanksgiving service will be held in the Bethel Presbyterian Church, East Orange, at 11 A. M. Rev. P. G. Blight of the Watsessing Methodist Episcopal Church will preach.

Will Play Football.

The High School football team will play the Paterson High School team this morning at 10:30 o'clock at Halyon Park. This is a championship game.

Thanksgiving Praise Service.

At Westminster Church to-morrow evening Sir John E. West's stirring sacred cantata, "Seed-time and Harvest," will be sung by the choir and chorus. This is one of this well-known composer's best works. It is written for soprano and tenor solo, and chorus; the words are selected and arranged from Holy Scripture, and interspersed with suitable hymns for the choir and congregation. The cantata is divided into three parts as below, and will occupy about an hour in singing.

Prologue—Choral Recitative, "The Lord Said."

Part I—The Seed Time.

1. Recitative, tenor—

"In the morning sow thy seed."

2. Chorus—"The rain cometh down."

3. Recitative, soprano—

"Behold the husbandman."

4. Hymn—O great God!

Part II—The Gathering of Plenty.

5. Recitative, tenor—

"The Lord shall command."

6. Recitative, soprano—

"Fear not for I land."

7. Chorus—

"I will give you rain."

8. Recitative, soprano—

"Thou visitest the earth."

9. Chorus—

"The rain cometh down."

10. Recitative, tenor—

"Then shall keep the feast."

11. Recitative, soprano—

"Our Lord fulfills His promise."

12. Hymn—

"Sing to the Lord of harvest."

Epilogue, chorus and duet—

"O be joyful in God."

Service begins at 7:45. All seats free.

Easy Fishing—Hard Gunning.

Councilman Dr. W. F. Harrison and former Assemblyman C. W. Powers returned Tuesday from a week's encampment at Green Pond, where they put in several days hunting and fishing. The fishing part of the trip was easy, enjoyable and successful; but the gunning part was one of trial and tribulation and only slimly rewarded. The Green Pond ducks, Mr. Powers says, are the most wary lot of fowl he ever encountered. There were hundreds of them on the lake, but they managed to keep beyond gunshot. On two different excursions into the mountain wilds the two hunters got separated and were lost from each other, and it was only by dint of much shouting that they got together again. The bachelor life in camp was a pleasant feature of the expedition.

Misconduct on a Trolley Car.